

WEST INDIAN LABOUR EXPOSES T.U.C. TEWSON

Rally to support Guiana



Sir Vincent Tewson says C.L.C. (London Branch) has no support in West Indies

CALLING for nation-wide protests in defence of Guiana and the re-establishment of civil liberties throughout the Caribbean, Mr. Richard Hart, Secretary of the Caribbean Labour Congress, issued a circular letter on January 25th to all affiliates.

Hart informed the affiliated bodies that a Committee had been established in Jamaica to collect funds for the P.P.P. in Guiana, reminding everyone that:

"the eyes of the world must be focused on British Guiana and the true nature of the British Government's motive must be fully exposed."

The national protests are a response to the demands continued on page 5

B. G. EX-MINISTER SUES SUPERINTENDENT

SYDNEY KING, former Minister of Communications under the P.P.P. Government, has sued the Superintendent for \$25,000 for wrongful imprisonment. He and the four others had been held in the country police station until the order for their detention under the Emergency Orders was signed by the Governor. Two others have sued for \$10,000 each, while Mr. King's mother has sued for trespass and damages over an incident involving a police raid on her business premises.

British Honduras Elections

LATEST reports set the date for elections as late April this year.

Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, fearful of a repetition of events in Guiana, has ordered a beauty of a Constitution, if you can give it as highfalutin a name as this.

There is to be a Legislative Council of 15 members. Lyttelton is going to permit the 60,000 people to elect 9 of these, 3 will be Lyttelton's employees, called Official Members, and 3 will be chosen or nominated by Mr. Renisson, the Governor, another of Mr. Lyttelton's staff. The Governor has also invited a Speaker for the Legislature, normally an impartial role, and a Mr. Norman Wolfershon is reported to have accepted. That's it, 9 to 6 with the Governor's Guest to see fair play.

Higher up the scale, there is to be the Executive Council which is really the instrument of Government. This being a more exclusive Chamber, the 60,000 Hondurans will only have the right to elect 4 out of the elected 9 representatives. Of course, the THREE officials reappear and the remaining 2 will come from the original 3 chosen by Lyttelton's agent. This time the set-up is 5 to 4 in the Governor's favour!

Over and above this, Her Majesty is represented used discretionally in the interests of 'good government' through Mr. Lyttelton by Mr. Renisson who holds the customary British RESERVED POWERS, to be used discretionally in the interests of 'good government'.

Organised Party

These are the prospects for British Honduras, whose only organised Party is the PEOPLES UNITED PARTY. Quite unlike the P.P.P. of Guiana, international fame and respect, this party is nowhere as well organised and based on people's policy.

The two schools of thought, rabid Roman Catholicism on the one hand and disorganised anti-British sentiment on the other, seems to have settled a policy of united opposition. The odds in the two Chambers have been fixed against them, but national unity and the winning of all possible seats will go a long way to carry home the lessons of Guiana.

Constitution tricks in Barbados

Bridgetown: Sir Robert Arundell, the Governor, on February 1st, announced the inauguration of what the Colonial Office calls a Ministerial system of Government.

The Ministries have been grouped thus:

- (a) Public Finance, taxation, banking and currency, education, ecclesiastical, police and general purposes.
- (b) Trade, Industry and Labour.
- (c) Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries.
- (d) Social Services.
- (e) Communications, Works and Housing.

Defence, Security, External Affairs, public relations, staff establishment, etc., still remain the preserve of the former Colonial Secretary now to be termed the Chief Secretary.

Grantley Adams, one time labour leader, now designated Premier, is credited with this comment in his first speech as a ventriloquist's doll:

"This shows that, in spite of the failure of constitutional government in other places, there are people here who can put good government before Party."

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★ EDITORIAL WRECKERS' DILEMMA ★

CURIOSLY enough, the knights of the British T.U.C. have jumped in to warn their affiliated members that the Caribbean Labour Congress (London Branch) has no support from trade unions in the West Indies. The T.U.C. General Council claims that the C.L.C. is defunct.

It is true that the last congress was held as long ago as 1947 and that Grantley Adams and his union have pulled out of it.

It is true that because of bans on inter-island travel and sabotage by those who were going through the process of reversing their political stand, and who have now deserted their principles, the C.L.C. has not had a congress since 1947.

But despite some of its leader's defection, the overwhelming majority of affiliates still stand by the C.L.C. and its principles.

It was after Grantley Adams attended the Council meeting of the I.C.F.T.U. in Berlin in 1952 that he tried to disaffiliate the London Branch and make association with W.F.T.U. incompatible with membership in the C.L.C. We know how miserably he failed.

The charge is made that the London Branch has no support in the West Indies. But the attempt to dissolve the London Branch was due precisely to the recognition that it was the most ardent representative in London of the trade unions and political bodies at home, and from the fear that whatever influence it had with these organisations would be a bar to Grantley's, and behind him I.C.F.T.U.'s, design for the Caribbean.

Failing to capture the C.L.C. and lead it on to the path of betrayal of the national interests of the West Indies, they now try to wreck it completely, to deny its existence and the very need for its existence.

Events, however, are proving harsh taskmasters to the wreckers, for more and more powerful movements are springing up in the West Indies and unity being forged. More and more the imperialists and their handymen shall have recourse to the only answer they can find—gunboats.

BAUXITE PLUNDER

Are British financial sharks getting indignant over the meagre returns that come to West Indians out of merciless exploitation of their resources?

This is the case it would seem from first glance at the "Daily Express" financial editor's column on Jamaica's bauxite (see reprint on page 3).

Can one imagine for a moment that the British bosses are really concerned with justice—better wages and conditions—for Jamaican workers, when they resist every move for higher wages or taxes on profits?

Bauxite plunder has been going on for years now in British Guiana, averaging 2 million tons a year in recent years. Cheddi Jagan, speaking in the Legislative Council in 1951, revealed that the Berbice Company paid royalty of 1/- per ton, while the Demerara Bauxite Co. paid only 5d. per ton on bauxite mined from Crown lands. And because the Company owned large tracts of land on which it paid no royalty, from 1937 to 1947 British Guiana has been deprived of about \$748,700.

No, British capitalists are not concerned about the wellbeing of West Indian workers. What they are worried about is that their greatest rivals are further working their way into Britain's sphere of exploitation and taking very nice pickings. The British robbers feel that they should be the 'natural' exploiters of the Jamaican people.

We have shown in every issue of this paper the huge profits they are making in the West Indies. Just one fat hog peeing at another fat hog edging in on the spoils.

But, of course, it is all put in the form of a pious outcry against Yankee robbery. Nevertheless, it helps expose both these gangs. Whether British, French, American or Dutch, they are all there for the same purpose—to squeeze us.

Not that we did not know before, but when the foreign rulers ask us, "Where would you be without us?", we can say with confidence—£1,440,000 better off in Jamaica alone, taking just this one company.

But that is not all. We are told that the market price of Jamaica's finished aluminium from 478,000 tons of bauxite is £100 million. Just imagine, and by 1955 they hope to produce 3 million tons. For British Guiana, this would amount to about £20 million.

Just think what this would mean for our impoverished people in terms of employment and prosperity, if we refined our own bauxite and sold the aluminium on the world market.

But there is just one thing holding us back—IMPERIALISM.

THEN AWAY WITH IT!

Jobs for the boys in Jamaica

IN true colonial subservience, the Jamaica Government, often spoken of as the Bustamante Government, has accepted the main recommendation of the International Bank Mission (U.S.A.).

This Government, over which Governor Sir Hugh Foot has overriding powers, has offered its first lucrative opportunities to an English couple, Professor I. R. and Mrs. Hicks.

Both economists of Oxford University eminence must snigger at their terms of appointment which, as reported in the "London Times", is to:

"... review the incidence and sources of taxation ... and "carry out a survey of existing system of finance and to make such recommendations as may be necessary."

There is no better comment than that of the Hire Car driver in Guiana, who was reported in THUNDER (January 1954) as replying to an American journalist's question on Lyttelton's Marshall Aid:

"Oh, that will line the pockets of all the big shots, like always happens here."

British Labour responds

AS the fight for the restoration of Guiana's constitution gained momentum, support from British Trade Unions increased.

At a meeting of the Wood Green and Tottenham Labour Party Constituency, a resolution was carried unanimously which said:

"This party, convinced of the importance of democracy and international co-operation in the world to-day, strongly condemns the undemocratic action of the British Government in British Guiana."

The resolution went on to urge the "immediate reinstatement of the constitution and withdrawal of armed forces, and the immediate granting of the necessary funds for the economic development of the country."

This is but one of hundreds of resolutions which have been submitted to the government by Labour Party constituencies, Trade Unions, Trade Councils, Co-ops, the Communist Party, and other organisations throughout the length and breadth of Britain.

In the Tees-side Youth Parliament a motion calling on the government to "withdraw all troops from British Guiana and restore the Constitution," was passed by thirty-four votes to eighteen. It had the support of the Labour League of Youth and the Communists, and was the result of a lively debate on British Guiana.

Defy Ban

In one month since action was taken against Guiana, over 180 trade unions sent protests to the government. They include resolutions from such unions as the Transport and General Workers Union, the West Brompton branch of the National Union of Railwaymen, the Electrical Trade Union and their branches in Clapham, East Ham, London West, Eltham, North Woolwich, Tottenham, Peckham, Southwark, etc. The National Union of Journalists (Central London), The Islington and Hammersmith Trades Council, The Automobile Engineers Union, Fire Brigade Union, Tobacco Workers Union, and others.

Labour Party branches, despite the ban by the Executive Council which sought to deny to Jagan and Burnham a platform, have added their support and over 100 branches have recorded their protests at the action of the British government in Guiana.

SURINAM

— is it a colony

Many delegates who had been fearful of offending the U.S. on the Puerto Rican question were braver when it came to the Dutch. By vote of 33 to 13, with 8 abstentions, the General Assembly declared that Surinam (Dutch Guiana) was still a colony and that the Dutch were therefore obliged to continue furnishing the UN with reports on it.

The Dutch, however, repeated their announcement of previous years that they have no intention of doing so.

(From "Latin America Today")

GUIANA NEWS BRIEFS

From JANET JAGAN

A petition signed by over 5,000 persons was presented to Governor Savage in Georgetown, British Guiana on January 14th. It demanded the removal of restrictions on the movement of 8 P.P.P. members who were served with orders limiting their movement to the area of their residence, and requiring them (under the Emergency regulations) to report to the nearest Police Station twice weekly. The signature campaign lasted only 24 hours in order to reach the governor before his departure to London on the 15th.

Simultaneous with the signing of the petition, police squads raided the headquarters of the P.P.P. three times on the day the four Party members were released from detention. Crowds swarmed the Party Office to sign the petition, which on one raid was seized by the police.

Around 8 p.m. the same evening, twenty-four persons were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and wheeling bicycles on the pavement. George Robertson, former Member of the State Council (P.P.P. nominated) spent the night at Police headquarters, being charged with wheeling his bicycle on the sidewalk. All pleaded not guilty, but nine were convicted and fined.

Fraternal tribute

In a statement issued by the Party on the release from detention of Messrs. Rory Westmaas, second Vice-Chairman of the P.P.P.; Sydney King, former Minister of Communications and Works and Assistant Secretary of the P.P.P.; Martin Carter, Executive Member of the P.P.P.; and Ajodha Singh, former Member of the House of Assembly, it stated:

"The Peoples Progressive Party expresses fraternal tribute to the way organisations in the West Indies, Great Britain, Latin America, the U.S.A., Africa and other countries who have encouraged and sustained the freedom-loving Guianese people in their selfless struggle for the release of their comrades. This is also a signal victory for the people of Guiana who sent in petitions to the Governor for their releases ...

"It is another of the victories being won all over the world in the struggle for the relaxation of international tensions and for national independence of the Colonial peoples. All thanks to the forces fighting for humanity. This Party, on this occasion calls for an intensification of the campaign to remove criminal restrictions placed on these members, the Party Secretary and other leading members of the Party. All strength and further successes to the people led by the Peoples Progressive Party. Our cause is invincible. We shall triumph."

The residents of the East Bank, Demerara River have sent a petition to the Acting Governor expressing no confidence in the Interim Government.

The P.P.P. has embarked on an intensive house-to-house registration of municipal voters. Voting for the Georgetown Town Council is on a restrictive franchise based on property or rental qualifications. At present, Mr. Burnham, Chairman of the P.P.P. is an elected member of the Council. The Party hopes to put up several candidates for the December elections.

Youth leader

Mr. Benn, Secretary of the banned Pioneer Youth League and an Executive Member of the P.P.P. was taken off a boat at Bartica and searched by police, who released him soon after. Following Mr. Benn's visit to Bartica, police raided several houses.

According to the P.P.P.'s estimate of the boycott on the Sunday Argosy of January 24th, it was a success. The editor of the newspaper however, came out with a bald denial of the effect of the boycott, stating that it was a failure.

Let's have a cultural centre in London

THE idea of a Co-operative Movement is by no means new. But the application of such an idea in making further efforts to unite West Indians was first conceived and put into practice by the C.L.C. Many of you will remember that in 1951 this much needed step was taken, resulting in the formation of the Caribbean Co-op, which is registered under the Friendly Societies' Act.

It was formed jointly with the League of Coloured Peoples. The affairs are being handled by a provisional Management Committee which was elected at the first General Meeting.

It is common knowledge that success in any worthwhile venture cannot be achieved without teething troubles and the Caribbean Co-op has already had its share. The first problem was the raising of sufficient

By **CHRIS COWARD**

share capital to provide suitable premises. In order to keep things moving, the need for capital is still great.

The Secretary, Billy Strachan, was in hospital for a long time and this did not help matters very much.

Until very recently, the Co-op was nothing more than an idea. There was nothing in existence which we could point to and say to people—that is what you're putting your money into.

Now, however, there is a building at 3 Robert Street, N.W.1, which was acquired in the name of the League of Coloured Peoples.

We feel that this provides us with a much better opportunity to attract people to the idea of a cultural centre and to take out shares in the Co-op.

New hopes

The perseverance necessary to achieve success is not lacking, and this New Year has brought us new hopes and determination. After a long dark night comes the dawn and daylight is just ahead. We now have the possibility of suitable premises and the Secretary has returned after his long illness with renewed vigour.

The need for unity among West Indians, and all who are interested, becomes greater today than ever before. Why wait until the near future to start managing our own affairs? Why not now? Let us seize this golden opportunity to build an institution which we and those who come after us can be proud of. Every shareholder is a part owner.

Cost of shares is 10/- each and can be obtained on application to the address below. Join now and make this a year of success.

For further details apply to: The Secretary, Caribbean Co-operative Cultural Committee, 3 Robert Street, N.W.1.

THAT MEASLY SHILLING

Reprinted from *Daily Express*, February 22nd, 1954, — City Editor's column.

THE Americans are spreading a tale of the prosperity they bring to Cornwall, Middlesex and Surrey. Not in England, but in sunny Jamaica, whose three counties share those names.

The Jamaican offshoot of the £130 million U.S.-bessed Reynolds Metal giant has issued a progress report to show the locals how well off the company's bauxite mines have made them.

The propaganda sheet claims that the Jamaicans benefited by £432,000 last year from the 478,000 tons of bauxite ore the offshoot shipped home to its parent. That equals 18s. a ton.

But see how the American figure men arrived at that. They include taxes paid by the firm's workers and money they spent in Jamaican shops.

They even allow for spending by the American bosses and their wives while junketing in Jamaica.

There is one figure the pamphlet does not give. The actual royalty paid for each ton of ore mined. It is a mere 1s. No wonder the Americans keep quiet about it.

On that basis the Americans paid but £24,000 last year for tapping Jamaica's bauxite riches. Yet at the world price of £3 a ton the ore was worth all of £1,440,000.

And when the ore is shipped home to father, each three tons is turned into one of shiny aluminium, which sells for a rich £172 a ton.

True, the difference is far from being all profit. But no one can say the Americans are overdoing it with that 1s. a ton. Especially since the Reynolds parent made a £1,000,000 profit for its shareholders last year.

Trinidadians are joining struggle for Peace

From **HUGH SKINNER**

AFTER six months of discussions and exchange of correspondence the Trinidad and Tobago Peace Committee has launched its signature collection campaign.

Following a policy of internationalism, the T.T.P.C. first contacted the World Council of Peace in Prague, Czechoslovakia, requesting information on the World Peace Movement and informing them of our own Committee. The B.G. Peace Committee was then contacted with a request for details of their activity. As a result the "Appeal for a Five Power Peace Pact" was formulated between both Committees and signature collection immediately launched in British Guiana.

Other progressive organisations in the Caribbean were also contacted forwarding information on the campaign and suggesting ways of launching the "Appeal" in St. Vincent and Barbados.



Little Rose Marie has already appeared in two shows at the Metropolitan Theatre, Edgware Road, and in others outside London. Solo singing of calypsoes and sambas is a speciality of hers. Eight-year-old Rose Marie is the daughter of Bernice Waul, well-known C.L.C. member.

Born in Kingston, Jamaica, she came to England in 1951 and is now learning ballet, tap dancing, and acrobatics at the Flavia School of Dancing in Kilburn. Rose Marie also takes piano lessons and seems well set for a career.

Have you a talented youngster you would like us to know about? Just send a photograph and a few words about what he or she can do or is studying. Send to: The Editor, Caribbean News, 3 Robert Street, London, N.W.1.

The U.S. firm could well afford to give the Jamaicans more. And it is the job of Governor Sir Hugh Foot to see that they do.

That shilling should be raised to a figure much nearer the true value of the bauxite to the parent company.

If the Americans wish to tap the mineral riches of the Empire—they must pay a fair price for the privilege.

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The West Indian Independence Party, two members of which are permanent delegates on the Committee, constantly explains the implications of war to colonial territories and the significance of the Peace question.

At a meeting held at the San Fernando Town Hall on November 10th, 1953, a good cross section of the population attended. This date is recognised in Trinidad as "Memorial Day" for those who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars.

The wording of the leaflet deserves quotation: "Join the PEOPLE'S FRONT against WAR. Too often have nations won wars and lost peace. Civilisation must be protected. HUMANITY MUST BE SAVED. PROTEST COLONIAL AGGRESSION".

Speakers at this meeting included an Indian Borough Councillor, a well-known anti-communist business man, a trade union secretary, the secretary of the Peace Committee and two leaders of the W.I.P. The majority of speakers thoroughly exposed the war-mongering policy of Britain, France and America being pursued in colonial territories and expressed their support for the Trinidad and Tobago Peace Committee.

Local groups

Now that signature and money collections are under way, many of the plans for publishing peace literature and maintaining and expanding contact will be realised.

The Peace Committee is pursuing a policy of forming local peace groups and in this respect the World Peace Council has been most generous in supplying information including such literary works as Li Sao and Chou Yuan, also documents on the Korean and Indo-China conflicts.

In the meantime the Committee calls upon every conscious citizen, every organisation to support its work and to appoint delegates to the Committee so that its representative authority may be made as broad as possible. For only by a universal understanding of the repercussions of war on our own economic and social lives, of the gigantic work being done in other countries to preserve peace, can the extreme urgency of the situation dawn on our people and find expression in mass action.

Live and love

Mr. John La Rose, Executive Member of the Trinidad and Tobago Peace Committee has just reported to the Committee on the work and decisions of the last session of the World Peace Council held in Vienna last November. The Peace Committee will soon be considering what action to take to implement the decisions of the Council's meeting.

Let Peace on Earth and Goodwill Towards all Men be realised.

Let us save our children from the horrors of tears, bombs and starvation.

Let us assert our right to live and love in a world free from hysteria and suspicion!

COLONIAL DAY CONCERT

An appreciative audience of over 500, mostly colonials, attended the Colonial Day Concert at Friends' House, London on February 20th.

It was a fitting tribute to the organisers, artistes, and the growing importance of colonials in the struggle against imperialism.

During the day over 200 people attended the exhibition. They saw handicraft, photos and paintings from Cyprus, Mauritius and Viet Nam, and other countries. Cyprus, Malaya, West Indies, India, Britain, and Ceylon contributed to the night's entertainment with singers, dancers and a clever juggler.

Mr. David Larder, former officer in the British Army serving in Kenya, gave a graphic and moving description of the hardships and atrocities committed on the Kenya African. Ashamed of the things he had to do, Dave Larder got himself court-martialled and was dismissed from the Army.

Crusading Churchman

From D. Mitchell, Jamaica and C.P.N.S., Trinidad

"THERE must be conflict between Communism and Christianity. I don't mean on the platform or on paper." This was the glad tiding brought to the Jamaican people by Dr. C. R. Garbett, Archbishop of York, during his tour of the West Indies last December.

He was given headline publicity in the columns of the local press. In British Guiana he condemned "aggressive atheistic communism" (headlines from "Port-of-Spain Gazette").

At the City Council in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, where a civic reception was held for him, the "good-will mission" of this dignitary was not considered so important by the Councillors. Most of them stayed away from the reception.

Lecturing in Jamaica on "Christianity and Communism" to two thousand people, Dr. Garbett took up the old witch-hunt story, ending dramatically with the charge of Soviet aggression and a call to Christians to be prepared for the conflict between Communism and Christianity.

Pamphlets

He tried to convince his listeners that religion is persecuted in the People's Democracies and China. But the progressives distributed thousands of pamphlets carrying an interview given by Hon. Sydney King of British Guiana on what he saw in Hungary, including complete freedom of religion.

Speaking of Primitive Communism, Dr. Garbett said it worked very well among the small groups of people who practised it voluntarily. He declared that in "those days" all properties were held in common by all the people who were very happy.

But he was very annoyed that efforts were now being made by a "subversive international fellowship" to enslave the peoples of the world with this materialistic doctrine, which is "diametrically opposed to Christianity". He did not, however, give the Christian plan for happiness of the common people.

When he said that no member of the Church can be a faithful member of the Communist Party, the devout Archbishop neglected to tell his hearers that millions of faithful Christians in Eastern Europe, Italy, Britain and elsewhere, have at the same time managed to be faithful members and supporters of that Party.

When the Archbishop realised that he had said nothing in defence of what he represented, it was time to offer a word of prayer for the poor people of Jamaica.

FOOD FIT FOR A QUEEN —Hunger for Jamaicans

THIS was the menu for the Queen when she visited for masses of unemployed and under-employed Jamaica on her Commonwealth Tour late last January.

Clear Turtle Soup from Grand Cayman
Lobster from Port Royal
Beef from Pleasant Hill Pasture
Ackees from Linstead Market
Yampis from Jamaica Cultivation
Broccoli from King's House Gardens
Planters Ice Box Pudding
Cassava Wafers from Pedro Plains
Coffee from the Blue Mountains.

Those responsible for the Queen's welfare certainly chose dishes of an all-Jamaican character. Undoubtedly the Queen must sample the local foods of her humble local loyal subjects.

But how many of these local subjects ever see anything like it?

The only thing typical about this menu for a Queen is that all the items are produced in Jamaica. We think the Queen would have rather spoiled her appetite if she saw anything like the typical menu

While Her Majesty and small sections of local colour dined on this splendid fare, hundreds of Jamaicans were vomiting to their deaths, due to malnutrition and starvation.

Still baffling

"Public Opinion" reports that after two years' intensive research work and an expenditure of £17,000, several research specialists confessed they were baffled as to the cause of the dread "vomiting sickness" which every year takes a toll of lives.

It may be recalled, however, that two years ago the chief pathologist at the West Indian University College laid the cause to plain malnutrition due to starvation.

Quoting from "Public Opinion":
"Emphasizing that children are largely the victims of Vomiting Sickness, and suffer a higher mortality rate as a result, Dr. Williams said in the report: 'In Jamaica there is a serious neglect of child life and health. Water supply often comes from an unprotected pond or stream; the children often scrounge and scavenge for food of their own. Often they suffer from unrecognised malnutrition, infestations and infections...'"

Nevertheless they go through twists and turns trying to show that it's some new disease, spending thousands of pounds in the process.

We can tell them what's wrong, if they are really concerned. Most Jamaicans know the reason. We say, give the people food and you will see the last of this "baffling" disease.

We are not saying that Queen Elizabeth should not eat such good food, for we are sure that even more expensive delicacies can be provided at Buckingham Palace or any of the elite restaurants in England.

But we feel it only right that the Jamaican people should have the opportunity also to eat in adequate quantity these wholesome products of their native land. Not to have their kids forced by hunger to "scavenge" for food.

What a striking illustration of the wealth and comforts enjoyed by a few over the poverty, hunger, disease and suffering of the masses!

APEX (Trinidad) OILFIELDS

OILFIELD workers this year produced 2,986,000 barrels of crude oil, and 4,058,000 gallons of casing lead gasoline. Yes, and this was only from 389 wells cornered by this foreign company whose heart and soul is embedded in London's stock exchange.

They unashamedly admit their current assets which total £5,222,789—(\$W.I. 20 million) including 10 million West Indian dollars in cash—their current liabilities, a mere £1,024,272.

Net profit was £584,206 (over 2,000,000 W.I. dollars) after paying a tax of £810,000. The total dividend was 50 per cent, which virtually means, at this rate within two years all the invested capital would be repaid. Nevertheless these foreign invaders would proclaim their continued ownership ad infinitum with Trinidad providing labour.

Rojas, what's your answer for Rance?

BOOK WORLD

More drastic conclusions

THANKS to the struggles of our peoples for wages and improved living standards we have won a place in the sun—or is it the spotlight?

Mr. Henriques, a lecturer in Social anthropology at the University of Leeds has responded to the widespread demand to know our people in the recent publication, **FAMILY AND COLOUR IN JAMAICA** published by EYRE & SPOTTISWOODES.

In a very simply written text, the author records many details of social life as obtained by a foreign investigator. Whether Mr. Henriques realises that he has been treated as a foreigner or not, I am not quite certain.

In fact the publishers in their sales talk present the book by implication as a NATIVE study. This is a major misunderstanding if the book is to be read and the maximum benefit to be obtained from the wealth of recorded information.

The author himself tells us on page 45: "The European (foreign) investigator is at a great disadvantage in gathering data... Some information will be forthcoming, but much of it will be garbled and dressed to suit what the informant thinks are the ideas of the white investigator."

Like a typical bourgeois academician Henriques the anthropologist has secluded himself in the traditional ivory tower and examined the natives with his telescope.



He finds, "the majority of the black people who are 78.1 per cent of the total population, can be classified as the labourer-peasant group which we shall term the lower class."

This misnomer is the best indication of the attitude of Henriques to our people. He himself claims to be Jamaican born and "all members of his family rank as upper class".

This air of superiority permeates the whole book and detracts from the factual interest to be obtained from

reading. As a raconteur he performs admirably. He finds a "white bias in our society", but throughout the narrative is unable to explain it.

The author strays that far, that in a chapter entitled "Contemporary Colour-Class System" he observes:

"A society where the majority of the population is coloured and black, and is held partly by its own consent in a purely social subjection by a white and fair group, which is what occurs in the Caribbean."

By now the news of British Lyttelton and events in British Guiana might have penetrated Mr. Henriques' ivory tower. Surprisingly there are flashes of insight of the society, when he discloses a real socioeconomic fact in relation to the offices and staff of the Colonial Secretary. I quote:

"On the other hand the department most closely associated with executive government is still a preserve of fair individuals, though there is a steady but slight infiltration of people who by reason of their colour, would not have obtained employment there a decade ago."



And still the secret evades him.

Perhaps such terms as the ravages of Imperialism are too harsh for the University Professor. One only has to refer him to his own excerpt from Sir Hans Sloane, the historian (p. 22):

"... he (the slave) was fastened down on the ground with crooked sticks on every limb, they then applied the fire by degrees, from the feet and hands, burning them gradually up the head, whereby their pains are extravagant... Here is an insight into a background which has left its effects in colonial territories today, whether Kenya, Malaya, Guiana or Jamaica. A system that has willfully destroyed our culture. Mr. Henriques, please note.

All in all, the compilation of the facts in **FAMILY AND COLOUR IN JAMAICA** makes it worth reading. I believe that West Indian readers will draw more correct, if even more drastic conclusions than Henriques has done from his survey of the Jamaican scene.

Democracy for Guiana and all West Indians

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Grantley the Giant

SO the one-eyed Goliath has become a Premier. It has been a sticky trail from insignificance, ignominy and oppression from rabid race-prejudice in Little England. For most of the people of Barbados, it is still ignominy and oppression. What a price to pay and how the mantle of glory must weigh heavily, as every single action is the response to severe tugging from the merciless grip in Whitehall.

The little Davids are sweating in the sun, cutting sugar canes, loading molasses for a bare subsistence, but their sweet hour has not yet come. The little Davids' brother in Guiana, also made a Premier, though for his loyalty to his people, for his antipathy to foreign imperialists, there is no blessing or title from Westminster—instead, there is a heavy steady tramp of armed troops, bringing "order and good government" to Guiana.

Among other things, the Honourable Grantley Adams, M.H.A., C.B.E., Q.C., is reported to have announced his intention of resigning his office as President of the Barbados Workers' Union, his last link with the real people who gave him power.

Grantley far from being a giant, promises only to be another Goliath.

Calypso culture

ALL our history, the story of aggression, exploitation, misery, poverty and loss of civil liberties is expressed about us in our writing, clothing, dance and song—yes the calypso today, is even given credence and respectability.

A very young and attractive correspondent, from Trinidad, let's call her Phoebe, writes this:

"WE had a good example of how most people are reacting to the situation. From the beginning of the calypso season, a Calypsonian got up a calypso praising the government for its timely 'action'. Do you know that when he was finished singing, only about six persons clapped out of a crowd of more than 2,000."

Whai, ho! this is the voice of God, the voice of the people, so Bertie boy and your boss, 'yuh ahid bettr tek noat'.

Americans are putting pressure on Guatemala

THE resistance of Guatemala against foreign oppression, the struggle of its people and its youth for peace, national independence and a better life, increasingly wins the sympathy and solidarity of young people of the world.

Guatemala is a small country in Central America, the population of which amounts to three million the majority indigenous. It is a backward country, semi-feudal, and has an economy based on agricultural production of coffee and bananas.

Its real master and sovereign lord since the beginning of the century has been that American trust, the

By NOEL VAZUEZ

United Fruit Company, which possesses immense tracts of land, banana plantations, railway lines, the only port, maritime transport and much more. As a result of the inhuman exploitation of the Guatemalan people, the United Fruit Company amasses fabulous profits each year. In 1952 alone they declared a profit of 100 million dollars.

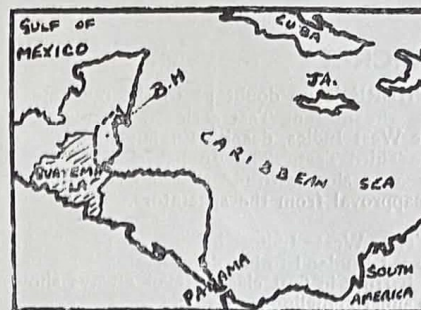
In 1944, the Guatemalan people destroyed the cruel dictatorship of Uchico, who was an obedient tool in the hands of the United Fruit Company and the American Legation. A democratic and patriotic government was installed in his place.

During these ten years a growing struggle has developed in order to limit the ferocious exploitation of the United Fruit Company, to repurchase national resources and, to open the way to the economic development of the country and to improve the living conditions of the working people.

Gains made

These struggles have been crowned with many successes. The proclamation of a Code of Labour, the increase in wages, the creation of social insurance, schools and hospitals have been gained. Thanks to mass popular action which could frustrate one after another infamous plots of feudal reaction and its foreign masters, democratic liberties were strengthened and extended and Guatemala entered on to the path of a policy of peace.

Meanwhile the most important victory was the pro-



clamation of the Agrarian Reform Law, an effective application of which broke the feudal chains in the countryside and is in the act of giving land to tens of thousands of peasant and agricultural workers' families.

It is precisely the foreign companies, the most powerful feudal proprietors of the country, who are affected by the expropriation of uncultivated lands: 84,000 hectares of fallow land belonging to the United Fruit Company were given to the peasants.

Foreign monopolies will not allow their enormous profits and properties to be reduced, even if this serves to ease the misery of an uplift to a more human standard the life of millions of human beings. The propagators of a new war will not allow in the zones they design as their "rear areas of security" a small country which refuses to sign pacts, to concede military bases, to participate in war adventures; which repudiates all foreign intervention in its internal affairs and obliges the foreign companies to satisfy the needs of its workers.

Dulles' Threats

This is where the big campaign of slanders the American press conducts against Guatemala and its government finds its origin. Such is the reason for the ruthless speeches of Dulles and Braden who threaten open intervention in this country.

The colonialists are increasing the pressure against Guatemala and are openly preparing armed intervention against this country, counting on the help of dictatorial governments of Central America and the feudal and reactionary forces within Guatemala itself.

Guatemalan youth are rising in indignation against foreign interference. They want to be masters of their own fate in order to build a happy future in a world of peace.

Young people of Guatemala recently launched a fine proposition to celebrate in their country in October, 1954, a "Fete of Friendship of the Youth of Central America and the Caribbean".

The "Fete of Friendship" will be a great sports and cultural event in favour of peace for the youth of the regions of the Caribbean Sea. At the same time it will afford an opportunity to strengthen solidarity among the young people of Guatemala fighting so resolutely for their freedom.

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WEST INDIAN LABOUR

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of the people of the West Indian territories. Through the smoke screen of lies generated by the capitalist press in Britain and the West Indies, Caribbean News has spotlighted the real reactions of the national movement in the West Indies.

On October 9th, at the height of the British people's wrath at the rape of Guiana with armed troops, the Tories' blue-eyed boy in the British labour movement "warned" their supporters of the C.L.C. and its London Branch, which was the first to spring to the defence of Guiana and its Peoples Progressive Party.

Damped down

The T.U.C. with its General Secretary, Sir Vincent Tewson, and the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party all rallied to damp down the spontaneous support that rolled into the C.L.C. London Branch's office, in the form of cash donations, messages of solidarity and requests for more news on the situation. Trade Union branches, Constituency Labour Party Branches, Co-operative Guilds and other peoples' organisations were represented.

The truth involved not only the Tories, but the unfaithful Labour Party leadership, the T.U.C. bosses and their co-operation with the insidious I.C.F.T.U.

Like the Tewsons of British labour, there are the Grantley Adams of Caribbean labour. Grantley Adams too was a prominent figure in the C.L.C. fighting for higher living standards, Federation and national independence, and was elected President of the Caribbean Labour Congress at the 1947 Conference in Jamaica.

Then British capitalism acted. Mr. Churchill's Socialists walked out of the World Federation of Trade Unions and set up the splinter group known

as the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. Its main role to date has been to attempt to break up the national colonial movements, by bribery, lies and corruption.

Grantley Adams now started on the treadmill to fame, Paris 1948 U.N.O., Commander of the Most Excellent Order of St. Michael and St. George (by the Conservative Government) 1952, puppet Premier Barbados under a Governor, January, 1953

As a representative of the Regional body of I.C.F.T.U., known as ORIT, Adams tried in 1952 to expel the London Branch from the Caribbean Labour Congress. But after an abortive effort in which he was unable to secure a majority in his own General Council, Adams last year pulled out of the C.L.C. and with him the Barbados Workers Union.

What then is Tewson's 'bona fide' trade union movement in the Caribbean?

Well represented

Representing the P.P.P. in Guiana, the Trinidad T.U.C. and the only organised political party in Trinidad—the West Indian Independence Party—the Federated and Industrial Workers Union and the People's Political Party of St. Vincent, the Jamaican Federation of Trade Unions with its powerful wing in the sugar industry, the Sugar and Agricultural Workers Union, the Caribbean Labour Congress stands fast on the one side, against Adams' dictatorship in Barbados and Luckhoo's discredited Man Power Citizens Association in Guiana.

Unity in the Caribbean is no mystery to the working class, but for the labour leaders in Britain who set the pattern of accepting knighthoods and other Tory bait, it is an insoluble tangle.

Self-interest

Here is one more voice of the people supporting this policy as it appeared in the Barbados weekly newspaper on December 24th, 1953, signed Reginald Pierrepointe, West Indies News Service.

"Gentlemen:

The following information is submitted for your consideration. Serious movement being organized in highest Pan-American circles which will reflect on stand taken by Caribbean leadership in regard to British Guiana situation. Could result in graver intervention problems.

No alternative left except to dramatize conditions which continue to breed similar problems in all the Colonial areas.

Intelligent self-interest calls for immediate mobilization of all forces to halt more complicated problems.

Suggest immediately calling Press Conference as first step to emphasize determination of Caribbean leadership to fight to have Guiana Peoples' Constitution restored."

Sports Commentary

By **ELTON OLLIVIERE**

CRICKET

THERE is no doubt as to the outcome of the present Test series being played in the West Indies, despite England's success in the Third Test. The English side is affected by a go-slow attitude that meets with loud disapproval from the spectators.

The West Indies by aggressive cricket forced England to bat defensively. This kind of batting in first class cricket always shows up superb bowling, and should the West Indian players improve in fielding accuracy, bowling and batting they should have certain victory. Good luck West Indian cricketers!

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS

Now that we are approaching federation and with many of our athletes figuring in international sports, it would be a good idea for us to merge our athletic associations and send teams to all international athletic meetings. I mention this with my eye on the coming Empire Games to be held in Vancouver this summer and the not too distant Olympics which will be held in Australia.

For the Olympics and other Empire Games, cinder tracks should be made available to all budding international aspirants. Keen inter-island meetings should be organized at least twice yearly to be held all over the Caribbean. Coaches should be found; here's a chance to give MacDonald Bailey, Herb MacKenley, Lloyd LaBeach and George Rhoden the oppor-

tunity to coach our young athletes. Come on West Indies, wake up!

BRIEF SPORTS NEWS

Congrats, Herb MacKenley. Sports fans will be glad to learn that MacKenley is the new world professional champion. He has clocked a new professional 440 yards record in the time of 47.3 secs. at Melbourne, Australia.

Long striding, Olympic title holder, Arthur Wint is now a qualified doctor.

MARRIED

MISS OLIVE OCCOMORE of Islington, London, last December became the bride of Mr. J. Vass Jackson, from Kingston, Jamaica.

The groom, who has been residing in England for nearly four years, is a member of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Labour Congress (London Branch), and has taken a keen interest in every aspect of the organisation's activities. He attended the world conference in the Defence of the Rights of Youth held in Vienna in May, 1953, as representative of the C.L.C.; and, as convener of the West Indian Festival Committee, he did a good job of work in stimulating interest in the World Youth Festival held in Bucharest in August, 1953.

Mr. Jackson's vivacious bride teaches in a government school.



A ROMANCE which lasted over twenty-four months was fulfilled in the marriage at Brixton Registrar on Saturday, Dec. 19, between petite Miss Marjorie Prowell from Georgetown, British Guiana, and Mr. John Cazeau from Cunupia, Trinidad.

Mr. Cazeau has been a member of the Executive Committee of the C.L.C. since he joined the movement in 1951. He served on the C.L.C.'s deputation to the Colonial Office just over two years ago, re Inter-West Indian travel.

Mr. Cazeau is a Postal and Telegraph Officer stationed at Wimpole St. Post Office, W.I. When not engaged in politics or sports, he studies surveying at the Westminster Technical College. The newlyweds wish to thank all those who turned up at the reception, especially the bride's aunt, Mrs. Agnes Hall, who was in charge of all the preparations.

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